Procurement by NAFED

2056. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to discontinue Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops and if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) whether NAFED resorts to purchases under PSS whenever the prices of specific commodities fall below MSP till the time the prices are stabilized and losses so incurred are fully reimbursed by Government; and

(c) if so, the details of the specific commodities whose prices fell below MSP during each of the last five years and NAFED resorted to purchases thereof and how much money was reimbursed to it by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The Government has not taken any decision to discontinue Minimum Support Prices (MSPs).

(b) NAFED undertakes procurement of oilseeds (including copra) & pulses under PSS as and when the prices of these commodities fall below the MSPs. Purchases under PSS, are continued till the prices are stabilised. The loss, if any, incurred by NAFED, under PSS, is fully reimbursed by the Government.

(c) Since 2000-01, NAFED has procured oilseeds and pulses, whenever their prices fell below the MSP. The loss incurred/reimbursed to NAFED by the Government in the last five years is as follows:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Loss
2000-01	53309.02
2001-02	13244.90
2002-03	1731.81
2003-04	10700.32
2004-05	313.39

A statement giving Commodity-wise details is annexed.

Statement

Procurement of oilseeds and Pulses by NAFED and loss incurred/ reimbursed under Price Support Scheme (PSS) from 2000-01 to 2004-05

Sl. No.	Year	Commodity	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	Loss (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	2000-01	Soyabean	54745	8.38
		Safflower Seed	6534	203.50
		Groundnut	151	0.62
		Groundnut	28707	865.69
		Sunflower Seed	19502	(-) 247.10
		Mustard Seed	247956	5690.98
		Copra	235491	46786.16
		Toor/Arhar	98	0.79
		TOTAL:		53309.02
2.	2001-02	Mustard Seed	329524	6195.00
		Copra	50300	-6565.67
		Groundnut	425	21.07
		Groundnut	163493	366.67
		Safflower Seed	3201	97.59

Sl. No.	Year	Commodity	Quantity Procured (in MTs.)	Loss (Rs. in Lakhs)
		Sunflower Seed	25	(-)0.64
		Toor/Arhar	3776	(-)0.15
		TOTAL:		13244.90
3.	2002-03	Mustard Seed	467629	225.45
		Safflower Seed	2020	27.25
		Copra	7468	384.30
		Sunflower Seed	28	0.46
		Urad	17148	1094.50
		Toor/Arhar	50	(-)0.15
		TOTAL:		1731.81
4.	2003-04	Copra Milling	824	(-)6.78
		Urad*	151142	4574.18
		Moong	2488	59.89
		Gram*	279077	6073.03
		TOTAL:		10700.32
5.	2004-05	Mustard Seed	18577	279.41
		Sunflower Seed	2330	31.69
		Safflower Seed	71	1.29
		Groundnut	247	0.50
		Urad	280	0.50
		TOTAL:		313.39
		GRAND TOTAL:		79299.44

(-) Indicates profits earned in disposal of the commodity.

*for 2003-04 & 2004-05.